

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1 and 4 with the following AMENDED claims 1 and 4.

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A recording medium to record data comprising:
a user data area; and
an information area having write protection information;
wherein the recording medium stores at least two write protection information in an RMD (Recording Management Data) field of an RMA (Recording management Area) area, at the same time, to protect the data recorded on the recording medium from unwanted overwriting or erasing.

4. (TWICE AMENDED) The recording medium of claim 3, wherein the recording medium indicates a write protection state when writing protection information from one of the plurality of physically separate locations matches writing protection information read from another one of the physically separate locations.